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For: BORON CARBIDE BASED
CERAMIC MATRIX COMPOSITES

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants are filing herewith a Petition to Withdraw from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313, a Request for Continued Examination, and an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.